

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of May 22, 2006 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1 and 24-32 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 24, 25 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai (U.S. Patent No. 5,610,736) in view of Takeda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,724,452); rejected claims 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai in view of Takeda et al. and Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,657,100); rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai in view of Takeda et al. and Patel (U.S. Patent No. 5,841,500); and rejected claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai in view of Takeda et al. and Takatori et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,796,456).

The rejections of claims 1, 24, 25 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai in view of Takeda et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...the auxiliary electrode is overlapped with the pixel electrode but is not overlapped with the data line." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and claims 24 and 32, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai in view of Takeda et al. and Yamamoto et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Because Yamamoto et al. fails to cure the deficient teachings of Asai and Takeda et al. as discussed with respect claim 1, claims 26 and 27 are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai in

view of Takeda et al. and Patel is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Because Patel fails to cure the deficient teachings of Asai and Takeda et al. as discussed with respect claim 1, claim 28 is allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asai in view of Takeda et al. and Takatori et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Because Takatori et al. fails to cure the deficient teachings of Asai and Takeda et al. as discussed with respect claim 1, claims 29-31 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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